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Town of East Fishkill Town Planning Board
Attn.: Scott Bryant: Town Engineer
330 Rte 376
Hopewell Junction, NY 12533

Dear Mr. Bryant,

This report summarizes my visit to the Donovan Drive Holdings LLC property (Treetop Development Project) made on December 10, 2024. My credentials include my training and professional service as a Professional Forester and Arborist for the last 35 years. Many of the roles in this capacity involve evaluation of the condition of trees and tree parts to determine their state of life and health. Many times this evaluation is done forensically, following cutting of the tree or tree part.

This inspection revealed the following about the site and the work so far:

1. The small stream on the property has been crossed by the small excavator and skid steer forestry mower using corduroy logs placed in the stream parallel to the water flow. This is a totally- acceptable method to cross a stream this size. Based on a discussion with the crew foreman on my last inspection, the crew did additionally increase the amount of logs acting as corduroy. This will allow even more space between equipment and the water flowing there. This area will need monitoring to help minimize silt and fines from getting into the stream. I observed that stream water exiting the corduroy crossing was free from any mud or fines. This was a positive indication of the effectiveness of this crossing method. Rain and warmer temperatures are forecasted for next week, so following my early-week inspection, we may have to enhance the crossing. During this visit, no work was being done due to the muddy conditions of the site.



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My inspection today of the work done so far indicated that no live trees had been cut, as no fresh-cut tree stumps were seen anywhere in the areas mowed. A small excavator appears to have been used to move downed logs around, and some of these downed logs appear to have been cut to shorted lengths to allow for them to be moved and stacked. All shrub stumps have been cut close to grade level, as well as fallen up-rooted tree stumps have been cut near the root flare of the trunk. No stumps appear to have been removed and stacked or buried. Work so far has progressed to the stone wall between the lower and upper lot of this parcel.

Stream water exiting corduroy, still clear



The newest downed logs piled up show several Artist Conk fungal fruiting bodies upside-down on a rotted tulip log. The position of these conks indicates that this log was previously down, and not standing. This shows the crew's compliance with their instructions about the scope of their work on the site.



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In conclusion, based on my inspection on 12-10-24, the work done so far on the Treetop Development site, is in compliance with the scope of work authorized in the memo from the Town of East Fishkill Engineer Scott Bryant, dated 11-19-24.

Thank you and please let me know if there are any questions

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